

CORBETT - SULLIVAN.

**The Californian is Willing to Meet
the Big Fellow.**

MODESTY OF THE OLYMPIC MAN

He is Reluctant, Being Afraid That He May
be Deemed Boastful—The Baseball
Players—Bases.

New York, April 2.—Since Jim Corbett has been cast he has been a lion among the sports. Some of Sullivan's admirers have been doing their utmost to bring about a meeting between the big fellow and the Californian. A few days ago the question whether he would meet Sullivan in a four round contest for a good money consideration was put point blank to Corbett. The latter said he couldn't give a decided an-

swear at the time; as the matter almost wholly rested with the Olympic club in San Francisco. He promised, however, to give an answer by Wednesday. Corbett was seen last night and said he would be glad to put on the gloves with the champion, provided his club gave him permission. It would not be proper, he said, to enter into an agreement to show fight in public with any one without consulting the directors. Though Corbett, as he says, came east to make the count down fight, he considers the offer by Sullivan's representatives a very good one. He wired his club last night and expects an answer by Wednesday. He says he is sure that the directors will consent to match. He says that even after his contest with

of Kilrain, he said, the remotest idea of why Sullivan had been asked to resign him to accept the offer made by Jack Harnett, Sullivan's representative. When asked if he expected to find Sullivan as a member of the club, he said, "I guess not. Never in my life was I more surprised than when I stood up before Kilrain. When he allowed me to talk, he said he was glad to hear from me. I thought I had met a man with a thorough knowledge of ring movements; also a man who was quick and intelligent. I was surprised to find Sullivan is in every way better than Kilrain, and don't think the man lives who can best him with the gloves. However, if we are to have a fight, I will do my best to keep my end up. Mind you, I have not sought this match. We are to have a four round contest, so I understand it, for the winner will be the champion of the remaining to the loser. I will be declared winner if I stay through four rounds. I don't suppose the police will allow a fight to take place here, although it is immaterial to me what else is used. The match must take place within three weeks as I am to be back on O'Farrell's street. I will be glad to resume my occupation of teaching in the club rooms. I've been away a long time this year and it wouldn't be the right time to leave. I am in good condition of leave of absence. I'm in good condition

now and in two weeks can be in as fine fettle as I ever was."

But Harriet, Sullivan's manager, won't talk much now on the subject. All he says officially is that the proposition made on behalf of Sullivan to Corbett is for both men to fight in the "New York Times" ring. He says he will look over the articles of agreement may be signed to-day or to-morrow. Then New Yorkers will see one of the finest exhibitions of pugilistic science in the world. Of course, will not wish to be downed, and all who have seen Corbett know he is not made of the same stock as George Robinson, who was knocked out by Sullivan in 1890. Corbett in Frisco a few years ago. Besides, Corbett thinks a great deal of Mike Donovan's opinions and the latter says the young Californian will be a tough customer. The fight will undoubtedly take place at or near New York.

Corbett, Like Harris, is Willing.

New York, April 3.—Jim Corbett, the California wonder, as he has been styled since he defeated Kilrain, when spoken to about a contest with J. L. Sullivan, said: "I am willing to meet Sullivan in any business office or place I may be pleased to name to suit the terms of the four round fight with gloves within two weeks. This is the only stipulation I must insist upon. My leave of absence has nearly ex-

Mr. Sullivan will agree to the time stipulation I feel sure a match can be arranged."

Corbett spoke throughout the interview with modesty, in fact, it was a difficult matter to get him to say a word about a contest for fear, as he said, people would think him boastful.

A MILL Near St. Paul.

ST. PAUL, April 2.—Tom Cummings and Frank Callahan fought a nineteen-round mill near town this morning. Callahan seemed to have the best of the fight up to the nineteenth round, when Cummings succeeded in landing three right-handers

which settled him.

Players' National Ball League.

NEW YORK, April 2.—The conference of the directors of the Players' National Ball league to-day was harmonious. Those delegates who had in mind an alteration of the entire schedule evidently saw no chance to carry their point and the subject was not broached. An important change was made by amending the opening dates so that the season of both the National and Players' leagues shall open on the same day—April 15. This change will have the effect of making the fight more aggressive and silence the National league people who claimed the Players were afraid to clash with the majors.

The deserter question was promptly settled by a decision that Binkley, Mully and Delahanty be reinstated if the direct action unionists will not object. No exhibitions will be allowed Sunday.

Wisconsin Republicans Paralyzed.

MILWAUKEE, April 2.—The Republicans throughout Wisconsin are paralyzed at the prospect of the coming election in Milwaukee. The result is said to be the bitterest fought battle by the Catholic priests and Lutheran ministers against the Bennett compulsory education law. Many Republicans predict the victory of the party next fall if the fight is on the same lines.

F. R. Townsend & Co. Assign.

NEW YORK, April 2.—F. R. Townsend & Co., commission loaned merchants, made an assignment today. Their assets were valued at \$125,000 to \$300,000. The assignee hopes to pay 100 cents on the dollar.

Liverpool Grain Market Holidays.

LIVERPOOL, April 2.—Next Friday, Saturday and Monday will be holidays in the grain market.

Poverty, Whisky and Suicide.
DENVER, April 2.—Yesterday evening a man calling himself George Harman walked into a saloon on Larimer street and blew his brains out in the presence of half a dozen men. The body was taken to the morgue and to-day was identified as Count Schlemmerman von Hartman, of Hamburg. Poverty and whisky were the cause. His wife will arrive from San Francisco to-day to raise the body to its native land.